

**ORANGEVILLE.**—The by-law to raise \$7,800 for the purpose of erecting bridges in the township of Amaranth was carried by a majority of 37.

**BARRIE.**—The by-law granting a loan of \$20,000 to the Barrie Carriage Company for the extension of its plant, was passed.

**PORT ARTHUR.**—The following by-laws have passed: \$25,000 a year for ten years, and a free site, to the Western Drydock and Shipbuilding Company, who will erect a million dollar plant; \$3,500 to purchase the plant and equipment of the Bell Telephone Company; sewerage and waterworks extensions and double-tracking street railway.

#### Manitoba.

**ST. BONIFACE.**—The ratepayers will vote on by-law authorizing the raising of \$10,000 for the erection of a clock tower on the city hall.

**ST. VITAL.**—The municipality have read for the first time a by-law to provide for a supply of water. E. A. Poulin is secretary-treasurer.

#### Quebec.

**HULL.**—August 30 has been fixed as the date upon which the citizens will vote on a by-law to raise \$115,000 for civic purposes.

**LA COTE DES NEIGES WEST.**—Until Aug. 17th for \$15,000 5 per cent. 25-year bonds, L. A. Guimond, secretary-treasurer, will receive tenders.

#### Saskatchewan.

**MOOSE JAW.**—\$35,000 electric light extension, \$10,000 bridge, and \$25,000 school debentures are offered for sale by this municipality.

**WEYBURN.**—This town will sell debentures to complete the waterwork system. The issue amounts to \$75,000, which will make the total debenture liability of the town approximately \$150,000.

**MOOSE JAW.**—This city will issue \$45,000 debentures to cover the cost of constructing walks.

**MELVILLE.**—The citizens have passed a by-law authorizing the expenditure of \$6,000 for drainage.

**PRINCE ALBERT.**—A by-law to raise \$2,758 for sewer extensions has passed.

#### Alberta.

**LETHBRIDGE.**—A by-law to raise \$28,000 for extensions to the electric light plant and for improvements to other city property, aggregating \$90,000, will shortly be submitted to the ratepayers.

#### British Columbia.

**VICTORIA.**—The waterworks loan guarantee by-law which authorizes the borrowing of \$1,350,000 for the purpose of expropriating the works of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, and running a pipe line to Goldstream in order to take water supply from there instead of from Thetis Lake, will be voted on by the citizens on Thursday, August 26th.

### TELEPHONY.

#### Ontario.

**TORONTO.**—The entire telephone system of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway between North Bay and New Liskeard is being reconstructed. Two gangs of men are now engaged in the work; which will be completed in about two months. The new system will be equipped with all the most modern improvements, and will be designed to provide a convenient and efficient service to the mines and the settlers of the district. In the new depot at Cobalt an up-to-date switchboard will be installed to give a connection with the mines. The line will also be extended along the Kerr Lake branch to Kerr Lake Station, where a switchboard will be located to furnish the mines of that section with means of communication with the outside world. It is the hope of the commissioners that the line will ultimately be extended to Cochrane, the terminus of the provincial railway.

#### British Columbia.

**VICTORIA.**—The British Columbia Telephone Co. has completed a long distance line between this city and Cumberland. The line was formally opened last week. It has

been in course of construction for the past six months, and is all of copper, making the transmission perfect. Nanaimo was the farthest point north reached by the telephone system formerly. The new line adds another seventy miles of wire, and gives communication with Parksville, Little Qualicum and Union Bay. At the present time the company is installing a branch exchange in Cumberland and in Courtenay. From this point it is proposed to extend the line up the Courtenay Valley and down to Comox Bay.

### MARKET CONDITIONS.

Montreal, August 19th, 1909.

Reports from the United States are satisfactory, so far as the markets for pig iron are concerned. There is always a dull spell at this time of year, so that the lack of trade at the present moment is in no way discouraging. The tone is hopeful, though here and there arise complaints that trade is not so active as it should be. The entire market is looking forward to a considerable improvement this fall and the predictions of a head official of the United States Corporation that next year should witness the biggest year's business the company ever had, is not being lost sight of. There has been quite a large enquiry from railway sources for supplies of different kinds, and large orders are being placed from time to time. No price advances have taken place in pig lately, although purchases cannot be made for future delivery at as low figures as for spot iron. This, however, is not altogether an unusual situation, it being doubtful if futures have been other than higher than spot even during the depression.

In Great Britain, the improvement reported a week or so ago continues to make itself felt. Iron prices are firmly held and changes are taking place in them from time to time without any very permanent alteration being noticeable, quotations being up one day and down the next. However, the present average is undoubtedly higher than that of a few weeks ago, and the improvement continues. The home trade is all that could be expected, and although there is little export to the Continent, there is some to Canada whence some orders for delivery before the close of navigation, are commencing to arrive.

Locally, the situation continues steady. Trade is moderately active and the outlook for prices in the future is very firm. Orders are now being placed for fall delivery and it looks as though the consumption would be fairly active. In the list of products mentioned below, very few changes have been made, spikes being firmer, however, and some lumber prices being lower, although the lumber market is fairly hopeful:

**Antimony.**—The market is steady at 8½ to 9c.

**Bar Iron and Steel.**—Prices are steady and trade is quiet. Bar iron, \$1.85 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.10; forged iron, \$2; mild steel, \$1.85; sleigh shoe steel, \$1.85 for 1 x ¾-base; tire steel, \$1.90 for 1 x ¾-base; too calk steel, \$2.35; machine steel, iron finish, \$1.90; smooth finish, \$2.70; imported, \$2.20.

**Boiler Tubes.**—The market is steady, quotations being as follows:—1½ and 2-inch tubes, 8½c; 2½-inch, 10c; 3-inch, 11¼c; 3½-inch, 14 1-2c; 4-inch, 18 1-2c.

**Building Paper.**—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounces, \$1.80 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.75 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, 40c. per roll of 400 square feet; dry sheathing, No. 1, 30 to 40c. per roll of 400 square feet; tarred fibre, 55c. per roll; dry fibre, 45c. (See Roofing; also Tar and Pitch).

**Cement.**—Canadian cement is quotable, as follows, in car lots, f.o.b., Montreal:—\$1.30 to \$1.40 per 350-lb. bbl., in 4 cotton bags, adding 10c. for each bag. Good bags re-purchased at 10c. each. Paper bags cost 2½ cents extra, or 10c. per bbl. weight.

**Chain.**—The market is steady as follows:—¼-inch, \$5.30; 5-16-inch, \$4.05; ¾-inch, \$3.65; 7-16-inch, \$3.45; ½-inch, \$3.20; 9-16-inch, \$3.15; ¾-inch, \$3.05; 1-inch, \$3; 1½-inch, \$2.95; 1 inch, \$2.95.

**Coal and Coke.**—Anthracite, egg, stove or chestnut coal, \$6.75 per ton, net; furnace coal, \$6.50, net. Bituminous or soft coal: Run of mine, Nova Scotia coal, carload lots, basis, Montreal, \$3.85 to \$4 per ton; cannel coal, \$9 per ton; coke, single ton, \$5; large lots, special rates, approximately \$4 f.o.b., cars, Montreal.

**Copper.**—Prices are strong at 13¼ to 14c.

**Explosives and Accessories.**—Dynamite, 50-lb. cases, 40 per cent. proof, 15c. in single case lots, Montreal. Blasting powder, 25-lb. kegs, \$2.25 per keg. Special quotations on large lots of dynamite and powder. Detonator caps, case lots, containing 10,000, 75c. per 100; broken lots, \$1; electric blasting apparatus:—Batteries, 1 to 10 holes, \$15; 1 to 20 holes, \$25; 1 to 30 holes, \$35; 1 to 40 holes, \$50. Wire, leading, 1c. per foot; connecting, 50c. per lb. Fuses, platinum, single strength, per 100 fuses:—4-ft. wires, \$3; 6-ft. wires, \$3.54; 8-ft. wires, \$4.08; 10-ft. wires, \$5. Double strength fuses, 4-ft., \$3.75; 6-ft., \$4.20; 8-ft., \$4.83; 10-ft., \$5.37. Fuses, time, double-tape, \$6 per 1,000 feet; explometers, fuse and circuit, \$7.50 each.

**Galvanized Iron.**—The market is steady. Prices, basis, 28-gauge, are:—Queen's Head, \$4.40; Comet, \$4.25; Gorbals' Best, \$4.25; Apollo, 10½ oz., \$4.35. Add 25c. to above figures for less than case lots; 26-gauge is 5c. less than 28-gauge. American 28-gauge and English 26 are equivalents, as are American 10½ oz., and English 28-gauge.

**Galvanized Pipe.**—(See Pipe, Wrought and Galvanized).

**Iron.**—The outlook is strong. The following prices are for carload quantities and over, on dock, Montreal: No. 1 Summerlee, \$20; selected Summerlee, \$19.50; Clarence, \$17; Midland or Hamilton pig is quoted at \$19.50 to \$20, Montreal. It is said Dominion and Scotia companies are not quoting prompt delivery. Carron special, \$19.50; Carron soft, \$19.25.

**Laths.**—See Lumber, etc.

**Lead.**—Prices are about steady, at \$3.55 to \$3.65.

**Lead Wool.**—\$10.50 per hundred, \$200 per ton, f.o.b., factory.

**Lumber, Etc.**—Prices on lumber are for car lots, to contractors, at mill points, carrying a freight rate of \$1.50. Red pine, mill culls out, \$18 to \$22 per 1,000 feet; white pine, mill culls, \$16 to \$17. Spruce, 1-in. by 4-in. and up, \$15 to \$17 per 1,000 ft.; mill culls, \$12 to \$14. Hemlock, log run, culls out, \$13 to \$15. Railway Ties; Standard Railway Ties, hemlock or cedar, 35 to 45c. each, on a 5c. rate to Montreal. Telegraph Poles: Seven-inch top, cedar poles, 25-ft. poles, \$1.35 to \$1.50 each; 30-ft., \$1.75 to \$2; 35-ft., \$2.75 to \$3.25 each, at manufacturers' points, with 5c. freight rate to Montreal. Laths: Quotations per 1,000 laths, at points carrying \$1.50 freight rate to Montreal, \$2 to \$3. Shingles: Cedar shingles, same conditions as laths, X, \$1.50; XX, \$2.50; XXX, \$3.

**Nails.**—Demand for nails is better, but prices are steady at \$2.30 per keg for cut, and \$2.25 for wire, base prices. Wire roofing nails, 5c. lb. Paints.—Roof, barn and fence paint, 90c. per gallon; girder, bridge, and structural paint for steel or iron—shop or field—\$1.20 per gallon, in barrels; liquid red lead in gallon cans, \$1.75 per gallon.

**Pipe.**—Cast Iron.—The market is unsettled and uncertain, as dealers are compelled to meet competition from all sources. Prices are easy and approximately as follows:—\$31 for 6 and 8-inch pipe and larger; \$32 for